

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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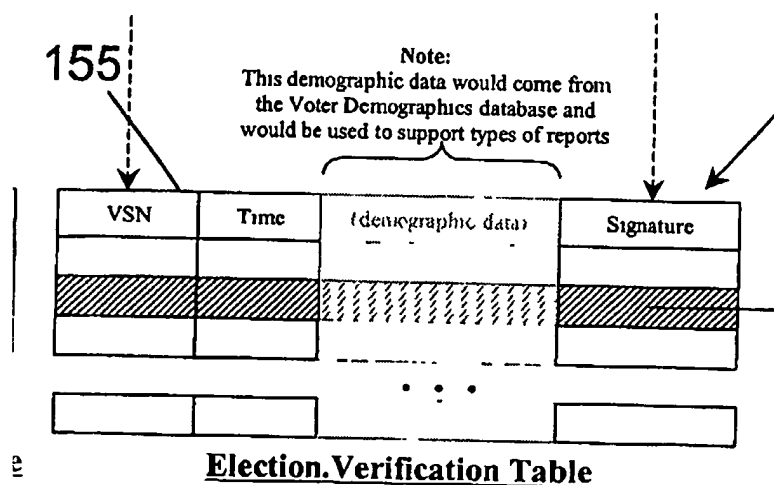
The Field of the Invention and the Summary of the Invention have been amended to be commensurate with the invention as claimed, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.73. The only language added to the Summary of the Invention comes directly from existing claims. No new matter has been added. Both a markup version and a clean version of the amended specification accompany this Reply.

Additional Amendment

[0072] has been amended to conform to the original disclosure of Figure 3. Specifically, [0072] states (with markup showing proposed amendments) with reference to Fig. 3:

[0072] ... The table 157 is indexed by the vote serial number (VSN), the issue or office being voted on, and the choice the individual makes. Thus, this is the table in which the ballot choices are stored. ~~The voter's serial number VSN~~ is also stored in a table 155 which is an election verification table. ... The election verification table is indexed by the vote serial number. ... Optionally, demographic data could also be input into the election verification table 155 as long as this information would not, through inference or aggregation, divulge the voter's identity.

The relevant portion of original Fig. 3 discloses:



That “VSN” instead of “voter’s serial number” is consistent with the original disclosure of Fig. 3 should be apparent from Fig. 3 itself showing “VSN,” “Time,” “(demographic data),” and “Signature” as fields in the Election Verification Table 155. This amendment is further supported by [0072] original disclosure that demographic data could be included in Table 155 “as long as this information would not, through inference or aggregation, divulge the voter’s identity.” Clearly, a “voter’s serial number” would be counter to that criteria.

The words “Method for” have been removed from the title of the application since the disclosed invention encompasses methods, systems, and computer program products.